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## BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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<u>COMMISSIONERS</u>

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In the matter of:

Robert J. Moss and Jennifer L. Moss, husband ) and wife,

The Fortitude Foundation, an Arizona corporation,

Ventures 7000, LLC, an Oklahoma limited liability company,

Jeffrey D. McHatton and Starla T. McHatton, husband and wife,

Robert D. Sproat and Jane Doe Sproat, husband and wife,

Kevin Krause and Jane Doe Krause, husband and wife, and

Vernon R. Twyman, Jr., a single man,

Respondents.

DOCKET NO. S-20953A-16-0061

SECURITIES DIVISION'S MOTION TO CONTINUE HEARING DATE

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The Securities Division ("Division") of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") respectfully requests that the hearing currently scheduled for October 31 to November 15, 2016, be continued to dates in early 2017. Good cause exists to reschedule the hearing.

## MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

The Division's undersigned counsel is scheduled to begin a four-week hearing on November 28, 2016, in *Concordia Financing Company, Ltd., et al.*, Docket No. S-20906A-14-0063 (filed 2/27/2014). If the hearing in the instant *Robert J. Moss/The Fortitude Foundation et al.* matter

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concludes on November 15, 2016, the Division's counsel will have only six (6) business days near the Thanksgiving Holiday to prepare for the four-week hearing in the *Concordia Financing*.

Six (6) days will not be enough for counsel to prepare for the *Concordia Financing* hearing. That case involves alleged investments totaling at least \$12,735,289 by at least fifty-eight (58) investors. The Division seeks restitution of \$3,078,909 plus forfeiture of \$2,529,337 in custodial fees and \$565,424 in allegedly undisclosed finder's fees. The *Concordia Financing* hearing will be hard-fought and will require several weeks for counsel to adequately prepare.

The hearing in the instant *Robert J. Moss/The Fortitude Foundation et al.* matter was originally scheduled for September 19 to October 6, 2016. That schedule would have allowed adequate time for the Division's counsel to prepare for the *Concordia Financing* hearing set to begin on November 28, 2016.

On August 9, 2016, Respondents Vernon R. Twyman, Jr. ("Twyman") and Ventures 7000, LLC ("Ventures 7000") filed a Motion to Continue Hearing seeking to postpone the September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, hearing by at least ninety (90) days. The Division opposed the requested continuance.

On August 23, 2016, this Tribunal partially granted Twyman's and Ventures 7000's requested continuance and reset the hearing in this matter for October 31 to November 15, 2016. For the reasons explained above, that hearing schedule will not leave the Division's counsel adequate time to prepare for the four-week hearing in *Concordia Financing*. In addition, the Division staff member who is necessary to assist counsel in the *Robert J. Moss/The Fortitude Foundation* hearing is scheduled to be in hearing on November 7, 8, 10, 14 and 15, 2016, in the matter of *David J. Escarcega*, Docket No. S-20956A-16-0090.

Scheduling the hearing in this matter to begin in early 2017 will not prejudice the Respondents. Twyman and Ventures 7000 sought a 2017 hearing date when they requested a continuance of at least ninety (90) days in their Motion to Continue Hearing.

The Division is prepared to exchange witness lists and exhibits on September 16, 2016, and is not seeking to continue that date. Thus, a hearing date in early 2017 will benefit the Respondents by allowing them several additional months to prepare for the hearing.

## Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, the Division respectfully requests that the hearing currently scheduled for October 31 to November 15, 2016, be continued to dates in early 2017.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 31st day of August, 2016.

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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On this 31st day of August, 2016, the foregoing document was filed with Docket Control as a 1 Securities Division Motion to Continue a Hearing, and copies of the foregoing were mailed on behalf 2 of the Securities Division to the following who have not consented to email service. On this date or 3 as soon as possible thereafter, the Commission's eDocket program will automatically email a link 4 to the foregoing to the following who have consented to email service. On this date, an e-mail was 5 also sent by the undersigned to any of the following who have consented to email service. 6 7 Jeffrey D. McHatton and Starla T. McHatton, and The Fortitude Foundation P.O. Box 1983 8 Higley, Arizona 85236 Respondents Pro Se 9 Robert J. Moss and Jennifer L. Moss 10 125 West Baylor Lane 11 Gilbert, AZ 85233 Respondents Pro Se 12 Kevin H. Krause and Jane Doe Krause 13 4245 E. Cielo Azul Tucson AZ 85711 14 Respondents Pro Se 15 Robert D. Mitchell 16 Megan R. Jury Sarah K. Deutsch 17 TIFFANY & BOSCO, P.A. 2525 E. Camelback Road, 7th Floor 18 Phoenix, AZ 85016-4229 Attorneys for Vernon R. Twyman, Jr. and Ventures 7000, LLC 19 20

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